

The South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Project Fact Sheet

The Program

- February 2005 launch
- 60 of 67 counties have participation agreements on file
- Original concept born out of a desire to deal with escalating jail and prison populations
- Used as a condition of bond, sentence, probation, parole, social services special condition, or work permit for a vast variety of offenses
- Used to control drinking behaviors and drug abuse

Testing Statistics

- Over 17,000 twice per day breath testing participants
 - 3.4 million breath tests administered with a pass rate of 99.3%
 - no breath testing challenges to date
- UA testing began June 2010
 - 1,586 participants with 33,458 tests administered
 - UA pass rate is 97.3%
- Drug Patch testing:
 - 76 participants; 913 patches used; pass rate 86.6%
- Transdermal alcohol testing:
 - 2,475 participants through October 2010
 - 346,741 days monitored; 246 drinking events and 785 tampers recorded

Additional Success

- NHTSA numbers indicate that SD is one of the national leaders in the reduction of alcohol related fatality and injury crashes since 24/7 implementation
- Mt. Plains Evaluation preliminary numbers indicate a reduction in recidivism for DUI offenses by 50% for 24/7 participants.
- Expanded auto insurance coverage for participants (private industry partnerships) and an increased number of work permit eligible drivers

Corrections & Local Jail Information

- 1.7 million days @ \$65 per day saved in local jail expenses
- Current corrections numbers are not available, however, in the 28 years Warden Doug Weber has worked at the South Dakota state penitentiary, he's never seen the inmate population go down, two years in a row.

"It's positive, it's reassuring, and it's refreshing," he says. "One reason for the decrease is that judges have more options, such as the 24/7 program for drunk drivers, before sending a criminal to prison."

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